

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A product storing and dispensing system, comprising
 - a. a cabinet having a plurality of product compartments,
 - b. a temperature controller for regulating temperature in said cabinet,
 - c. a sensor for each product compartment for sensing the presence of a product in said product compartment,
 - d. a processor, connected to each sensor, for accepting sensor signals,
 - e. [[an]] a separate aging indicator associated with each product compartment and being connected to said processor, each aging indicator having multiple product condition signals, and
 - f. means in said processor for selectively activating the multiple product condition signals of each aging indicator.
2. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said sensor comprises an optical detector.
3. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said sensor comprises an infrared detector.
4. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said aging indicator comprises at least three displays, each display having a different one of said multiple product condition signals.
5. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 4, in which said three displays comprise visual indicators.

6. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 4, in which said three displays comprise a first display indicating a product is not ready for dispensing, a second display indicating that a product is ready for dispensing and a third display indicating that a product should be selected first for dispensing.

7. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, including a heat source for said cabinet.

8. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 7, in which said heat source comprises a heater controlled by said processor.

9. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said cabinet includes multiple columns of said product compartments.

10. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 1, in which said temperature controller comprises the thermocouple.

11. A product storing and dispensing system, comprising

- a heated cabinet having a plurality of product compartments,
- a temperature controller for regulating temperature in said cabinet,
- a sensor for each product compartment for sensing the presence of a product in said product compartment,
- a processor, connected to each sensor, for accepting sensor signals,
- [[an]] a separate aging indicator associated with each product compartment and being connected to said processor, each aging indicator having three displays, each display comprising a product condition signal, and
- means in said processor for selectively activating said displays.

12. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said sensor comprises an optical detector.

13. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said sensor comprises an infrared detector.

14. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said three displays comprise visual indicators.

15. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said three displays comprise a first display indicating a product is not ready for dispensing, a second display indicating that a product is ready for dispensing and a third display indicating that a product should be selected first for dispensing.

16. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, including a heat source for said cabinet.

17. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 16, in which said heat source comprises a heater controlled by said processor.

18. (Currently Amended) The product warming storing and dispensing system according to claim 11, in which said cabinet includes multiple columns of said product compartments.